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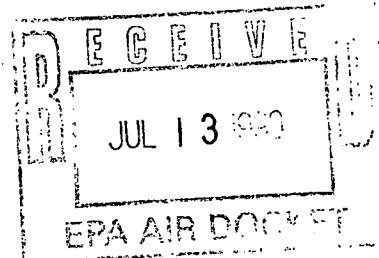
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4201

June 26, 1990

Honorable William K. Reilly
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20460



Dear Administrator Reilly:

I am writing in support of the request for a waiver from the Ethyl Corporation of Richmond, Virginia, to permit the use of the HiTEC 3000 fuel additive in unleaded gasoline. This matter was brought to my attention by representatives of ChemMetals, Inc., in New Johnsonville, Tennessee, who produce manganese for use in the additive.

As you know, HiTEC 3000 has been used widely in gasoline in Canada since 1978. I am informed that Ethyl has conducted an extensive two-year test on the effects of HiTEC 3000 as an automotive fuel additive, which was based on recommendations made by EPA and the U.S. automobile industry. I understand that the test results show that use of HiTEC 3000 reduces emissions of carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides and reduces the aromatic content and volatility of gasoline. I further understand that the test uncovered no evidence that this fuel additive damages auto emissions control systems or that it is harmful to the environment.

In light of the potential positive impact of the use of HiTEC 3000 on air quality, I would appreciate your giving the waiver request expeditious and favorable consideration. I would also appreciate your providing me with a status report.

Thank you for your courtesy and assistance.

Sincerely,

Jim Sasser
United States Senator

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